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News Release

ICE OFFICERS ASSIST U.S MARSHALS ARRESTING 83 FUGITIVES

'Operation Falcon' helped clear 216 warrants ranging from burglary to sexual assault of a minor

EL PASO, Texas—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention and Removal Operations officers and agents assisted teams of U.S. Marshals Service with arresting 83 fugitives here in a nationwide operation last week.

Called "Operation FALCON" (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally), these arrests were a multi-agency cooperative effort to target violent criminals. The individuals arrested April 4-10 included the following charges:

Assault – 20
Assault involving child/elderly person or sexual assault on minor – 9
Burglary - 4
Child Support offenses: 2
Drugs – 11
Robbery – 1

"Operation Falcon coincides with a primary mission within Detention and Removal Operations: to identify, locate, apprehend, process and remove fugitive aliens from the United States," said Robert Jolicoeur, ICE El Paso field office director. "With these common goals, we gladly support the efforts of the U.S. Marshals Service to remove convicted criminals from our streets."

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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